

COMMON OUTLOOK ERRORS AND WAYS TO FIX THEM

In today's world, email is one of the most important tool for effective communication in the businesses or in personal use. In professional world, everything relies on mail to communicate with others. MS Outlook is the world's most widely used email system . There are many reasons like its features, simplicity to use and efficiency to work on which make it most widely used client. But sometimes, like others, it also encounters some errors which makes the user frustating. Sometimes problem is minute and is easy to resolve but sometimes severe errors occur which can't be resolved easily.

There are some common outlook errors and solutions for them-

1- Outlook error: Cannot open your default email folders.

It is a most common error that occurs in the system of users which irritates them. But it can be fixed easily.

Solutions-

Locate the Outlook.exe which can be found by navigating through: C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\Office14. Now right click outlook.exe and then on properties. On the compatibility tab, click on Run this program in compatibility mode. Then click OK and restart outlook.

2- Outlook error: "Cannot send this item."

This error comes if any outgoing email message has been formatted or there is incorrect format of destination of email message.You should check before further proceeding.

Solutions-

To resolve this outlook error message, the format of the outbound message must be changed from HTML to plain text.

3- Outlook error [0x8004010F](#): "Outlook data files can not be accessed."

It is the most annoying error as it stops you to access your outlook data files. It pop-ups normally during send/receive operation with above error message.

Solutions-

1. Open your MS Outlook 2010 profile, and Go to **File -> Account Settings ->** and again **Account Settings**
2. Navigate to **Outlook Folder -> New Outlook Data File**. Now give a temporary name to your data files

3. Now **click + icon** to expand all the subfolders. Once it is expanded, Go to **Inbox** and then click **OK**.

4. Now just choose the **Change Folder** and then the another folder which you want.

5. Once more **click + icon** and expand the subfolder, chose **inbox** and click **OK**. Now, **Close** yours Account Settings page and click **Send/Receive Option**

So now when you will send or receive an email, you will no longer receive this error.

4- Outlook error: "Your Microsoft Exchange Server is unavailable."

It is one of the tricky error to resolve as there may be many different causes.

No data connection: Maybe there's no data connection available. It's better to test your [SMTP connection](#) by using the **Telnet**. You can also check it on Microsoft's [Technet](#) site.

Office Outlook files are locked: There are times when .ost and .pst files are accidentally, or purposefully, set to read only. Check the permissions of these two files by navigating to: C:\Users<username>\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Outlook for .pst files and C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office12 for .ost files. It is to be ensured that neither is set to read only.

5- Outlook error: None of the authentication methods supported by this client are supported by your server.

This error occurs when people use their laptop or computer at multiple locations. Basically, it comes from authentication rules for the SMTP server .

Solution-

Go to the account settings tab, click on change then further click on more settings. Now select the outgoing server tab. Now look at the two options i.e. "My outgoing server requires authentication" and "Log on to incoming mail server before sending mail". Now if there is a check in the option box, remove it.